(b) Does not *arise.*

(c) The mutter is under fiaalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have nude any assessment of power theft in diffe rent States during the laat one year, if so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measure Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAUHJ)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SIBBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Autartf to the Power Utilities for redu-obg Transmission and Distribution losses. Theae include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tampersroof meter taxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against tat persons found indulging in theft of energy. The theft of energy bat been made a cognizable offence from August, 1996 under the provisions of Section 39 ■of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the 'State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmntt etc from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Trim-mission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power generated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat dur ing oh of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof*, and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MiTNlSTEB. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NATOU)- (a; The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo lignite power Plant or Kntch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668

(C) the reasons for the losses; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to cut the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) As per Manning Commission's estimates on all India basis, the commercial losses suffered by the State Electricity Boards during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 were as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)	
	With subsidy	Without subsidy
1991-92	2004.74	4021.19
1992-93	2435.18	4685.92
1993-94 (RE)	2961.65	4992.36

(b) As per the data compiled by the Planning Commission, the subsidy provided lor agricultural sector by 17 SEBs was as follows *

Year	Amount (Rs: in crores)
1991-92.	5859.00
1992-93.	7363.00
1993-94.	8349.00

(c) The major reasons for the losses of SEBw include unscientific power tariff structure including for the agricultural tariff, non-payment of RE subsidy to *SBBs* by the State Governments, non-conversion of loan into equity, low level of PLF. high T and D losses, high fuel consumption in thermal power stations etc.

(d) State Governments have been advised to undertake measures such as rationalised tariff, regular payment of rural electrification subsidy, improvement in Plant Load Factor, reduction in T and D losses etc. to improve the finances of the State Electricity Boards and to reduce their losses. The Conference of the p*ower* Ministers held on 8th and 9th January, 1993 also discussed the ways and means to improve the performnce of SEBs, both in physical and financial terms, and had adopted an Action Han which included, inter-alia, liquidation of arrears of subsidy in a phased manner, deduction in outstanding dues, tariff rationalisation, fixation of minimum agricultural tariff, supply of elctricity on metered hasis etc. Besides, theft of electricity has been made a cognisable offence.

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1034. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will thte Minister *at* Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether counter guarantee agree" mem with U.S. multi-national for setting up of the 2OO0 MW Power Project at Dhabol 'in Maharashtra has bees finalised;

(b) if so, the details thefeof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir.